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2704.34	Expands authority of District Rangers to issue specific special-use permits. Lists documents that must accompany unsigned permits for Forest Supervisor's signature.
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2703 – POLICY

The line officer who has the authority to sign the special-use authorization must also sign the NEPA document supporting the special-use authorization to be issued.

2704.34 – District Rangers

District Rangers are authorized to issue the following special-use authorizations:

1. Special-use authorizations for communication uses issued on designated communication sites with a current approved site management plan.
2. Special-use authorizations for existing recreation residences.
3. Special-use authorizations of a short-term nature (occupancy not to exceed 5 years). "Short-term nature" refers to the nature of the use, not the tenure. Uses that typically include construction of structures, such as water or energy transmission or distribution lines, roads, buildings, or bridges are not of a short-term nature, and would therefore, be issued under Forest Supervisor authority, regardless of tenure.
4. Priority use Outfitter/guide authorizations (occupancy not to exceed 10 years).

The Forest Supervisor will review authorizations and amendments for uses requiring his or her signature, together with accompany documents. Documents that must accompany the unsigned authorization for review are listed below:

1. Documentation of evaluation of special uses initial and second level screening criteria.
2. A copy of the authorization with copies of the application, any associated engineering designs, technical data sheets, and operating plans.
3. A map showing the authorized use and affected National Forest System lands.
4. Any State or local permits required for the permitted use.
5. If permit fees are waived or reduced, a copy of the fee waiver justification.
6. A copy of the previously signed NEPA document(s) with any appendices and exhibits.